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In accordance with a resolution passed at our last meeting, the Ministers and Lay Delegates composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled at Frieden's Church, Guilford County, N. C., April 30th, 1852. The President preached the Synodical sermon from I. John, 1st chapter and 3rd verse.

After a short recess, the members of Synod were called to order by singing and prayer by the President.

The roll was called and absentees noted as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. D. SCHECK,	*Luthersville, Rowan County, N. C.*
" WM. ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Alamance* " "
" SAM'L. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan* " "
" BENJ. AREY,*	*Statesville, Iredell* " "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus* " "
" J. A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan* " "
" J. CRIM,†	*Jerusalem, Davie* " "
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Lexington, Davidson* " "
" J. SWICEGOOD,	*Abbot's Creek, Davidson* " "
" S. SCHERER,‡	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "

*Absent, and from whom nothing was heard. †Absent, but excused. ‡Received at this Synod.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,*	*Clapp's,*	*Guilford County,*	*N. C.*
" A. GRIMES,†	*Hay Meadows,*	*Wilkes* "	"
" B. N. HOPKINS,	*Newton,*	*Catawba* "	"
" J. S. HEILIG,†			

LAY-DELEGATES.

JOHN SLOOP,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's*	*charge.*
HENRY FOGLEMAN, Esq.	" *Wm. Artz's*	"
JOHN LENTZ,	" *S. Rothrock's*	"
DANIEL M. WAGNER,	" *W. G. Harter's*	"
LEONARD HOFFNER,	" *J. A. Linn's*	"
ALEXANDER SWICEGOOD,	" *L. C. Groseclose's*	"

The President now read his Report, which was received, and referred to a Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren: We have met for the purpose of holding the Forty-ninth annual session of our Synod. And we meet under circumstances which call loudly for the most grateful emotions of our hearts. Amid the various vicissitudes of the past Synodical year, death has not been permitted to make any inroads in our ministerial ranks; and though there is abundant cause for humiliation and self-reproach, yet God, in his wisdom and goodness, has seen fit to pour out his Spirit upon many of the people of our respective charges. Sinners have been convinced, mourners have been converted, back-sliders reclaimed, believers edified and established in the faith of the Gospel, and the borders of our Zion considerably enlarged. True, some of our worthy lay-brethren and sisters have been removed from our midst, whose voices are no more to be heard in the great congregation militant, and whose energy and christian activity no more aid us on to victory and conquest in the great work of man's redemption. But our loss is their gain.

In compliance with your Constitution, I now proceed to give you a detailed account of my official acts.

At your last Ministerium, the President and Secretary were ordered to renew the License of Bro. B. N. Hopkins. A few days after Synod closed, I saw bro. Hopkins and proposed to renew said License; when he stated to me that "he had received a perpetual license from the South Carolina Synod, and which was regarded valid by the Constitution of this Synod." And feeling unwilling to exchange an unlimited license for a limited one, he refused to do so.

Believing the act in conflict with our Constitution, and having so declared at the time bro. Hopkins became a member of our Synod, but wishing to know the sentiment of the South Carolina Synod upon the subject, I addressed a letter to their President, and received an answer under date, July 4th, 1851, in which they regard the "proceedings of our Synod as irregular," and cite our own Constitution

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* Absent, and from whom nothing was heard. † Absent, but excused. ‡ Received at this Synod.

as evidence in the case. Bro. Hopkins has, therefore, been laboring the past year without a fulfilment of the instructions given at your last Ministerium. This would seem to be a matter of some note for consideration at the present session of Synod. Either your Constitution must be altered, or the future action of your Synod different.

Under date of June 4th, 1851, I received a letter from bro. L. C. Groseclose, who informed me as the organ of your body, that he had, for reasons assigned, resigned his charge of Union Church, in Rowan County, intending to confine his labors to Davidson County the present year. I learn that said Congregation have lately secured the services of bro. Simeon Scherer, a member of the "Western Virginia Synod." In a subsequent communication from bro. Groseclose, he informs me that he has been preaching in the Court-house at Lexington, and the prospects of organizing a congregation in that village are flattering.

Under date of November 20th, 1851, I received a communication from the Secretary of the "Board of Directors" of the Theological Seminary, at Lexington, S. C., stating that Mr. R. M. Jones, a beneficiary of the Missionary and Education Society in connection with this Synod, withdrew from said Seminary while lying under censure of said Board for immoral conduct. Believing this to be a matter for the consideration of the Missionary and Education Society, I accordingly recommend it.

February 2d, 1852, I received a letter from bro. J. Crim, in which he wishes to be excused for absence at our present Session of Synod. I recommend that his letter be read before Synod, and he be excused. Bro. Crim "contemplates no probable change in his pastoral relation."

March 27th, 1852, I received a communication from bro. Harter, in which he says: "Concerning my churches in general—they are still increasing in numbers, I trust also in piety—and certainly in liberality."

The foregoing comprise all the official acts and correspondence recurring to the mind of your President.

In conclusion, we have but one subject, that we would recommend to your wisdom and discretion,—one which we conceive of vital importance to the interests of our Church in North Carolina, and one amply precedented. The educational wants of that portion of our beloved Zion, embraced within the limits of our Synod, has long been a desideratum. Believing with many others, that the resources necessary to the establishment of a High School of a Collegiate character, are amply sufficient, and adding to this the general wish of our Laity, and their expressed willingness to support such an Institution, the time, we believe, has come when we should nobly act on this subject. It is needless that I should expatiate upon the benefits that would necessarily result to our Synod and the Church in general, from such an Institution. The history of similar institutions, long founded, bear ample testimony upon the subject. Suffice it to say, the prosperity of our Synod, the extension of her borders, and the want of sufficient intelligence among our Laity demand such an institution. Such is the policy of sister denominations. Of the Presbyterians, of the Methodists, and our German

Reformed brethren, who are more limited in numbers and resources within the North Carolina Classis, have lately established such an institution to meet similar wants in their church. And shall we fail to develope the talent and intellect within our own church, by neglecting to secure the means through which such desirable object may be effected?

That the German mind, comprising the great majority of our Laity, is susceptible of the most profound, as well as useful thought and investigation, is evidenced in all the different departments of literature, science, and theology of Germany—our ancestral land. Shall we bury that mind, committed to our care and tuition, for want of action in supplying the means necessary to its improvement? Nay, verily, brethren. But our object was merely to present this subject to your prayerful and prudent consideration. We have no plan or basis of an institution to present—no suggestion to make relative to a place of location. These considerations should be the result of the united deliberations of this body, or at least of a judicious and experienced Committee appointed for such purpose.

Brethren, we now tender to you our thanks, in retiring from office, for the confidence reposed in us, and pray God to smile upon all our efforts as a Synod to do his will. May he direct all our deliberations, and aid us, both in saving our own souls and them that hear us.

Adopted. JOS. A. LINN, *President.*

The election of officers of Synod being next in order, was now attended to, and on balloting, the following were elected:

Rev. WM. ARTZ, *President,*
" J. A. LINN, *Rec. Sec.*
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Cor. Sec.*
Mr. MATTHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the Minutes of last year were referred to the Committee on unfinished business.

Documents and papers, intended for Synod, were now called for and handed in; when it was moved that the letters be read.

1. *Resolved*, That letters 1, 2, and 3, be immediately referred to the Ministerium.

On motion, it was ordered that the Reports of the different Treasurers be referred to the Committee on Finance to report upon.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On President's Report.—Revs. Wm. G. Harter, J. D. Scheck, and Mr. D. M. Wagner.

On Petitions and Vacancies.—Rev. L. C. Groseclose, and Messrs. J. Sloop, and L. Hoffner.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. J. Swicegood, and Capt. John Sloop.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. B. N. Hopkins, Rev. L. C. Groseclose, and Mr. H. Fogleman.

The subject of the Constitution of our Synod now came up for consideration, when it was moved, that a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine said Constitution, and suggest such alterations as they may deem proper.

Committee.—Revs. J. D. Scheck and L. C. Groseclose, and Mr. H. Fogleman.

By a resolution of Synod the President was added to the above Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary now made his Report.

On motion, it was ordered that the Report be taken up, item by item, and considered.

Report No. 1.

The Corresponding Secretary of Synod respectfully reports:

That he has received copies of Minutes from four Synods, from which he would communicate the following extracts:

No. 1. The South Carolina Synod held its 28th annual session in Ebenezer, Effingham County, Geo., on Friday, November 7th, 1851. This body numbers 45 members, of which 34 are ordained Ministers. Twenty-six Ministers report 44 Congregations, 2,964 white, and 432 colored communicants. The officers elected were Rev. John F. W. Leppard, Pres't., Rev. J. B. Anthony, Sec'y., Rev. E. B. Hort, Cor. Secretary

The contributions from churches and societies amounted to $461, and the amount in the hands of the Treasurer of Seminary, is reported, at over $22,000. Rev. S. R. Sheppard was appointed Delegate to this Synod, and Rev. J. D. Stingley his alternate, whom we are sorry to say is not among us.

The next meeting of this Synod will be held in St. Mark's Church, Edgefield District, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in November, 1852.

No. 2, Are the Minutes of the 10th session of the Synod of Western Virginia and adjacent parts, which convened in "Luther Chapel," Washington County, Va., on the 18th of September, 1851. It numbers nine ordained Ministers and 3 Licentiates, who report 24 Churches and 5 preaching places, 129 Baptisms, 44 confirmations, and 1,519 communicants. On page 10, is contained the following preamble and resolution:

"As this Synod, (North Carolina,) has manifested great interest in behalf of Virginia Collegiate Institute, by its favorable notice of the same, by commending the Agent to the liberality of their people, and by the large amount which they have given, your Committee would recommend the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we feel very grateful to the people of North Carolina for their co-operation with us in rearing up this flourishing Institution."

The officers of this Synod are the Rev. E. Hawkins, President, Rev. J. A. Brown, Sec'y., and Rev. S. Rhudy, Treasurer. The Rev. H. G. Bowers was appointed Delegate to this Synod, and Rev. Mr. Brown alternate. They will hold their next meeting in Copp's Church, Botetourt County, on Thursday preceding the first Sabbath in September, 1852.

No. 3, Are the Minutes of the Synod of the "South West," which held its fifth annual meeting at Pilot Grove, Carroll County, Tennessee, on the 20th of September, 1851. This Synod numbers 13 Ministers, who reported 29 congregations, 255 baptisms, 275 confirmations, and 1,330 communicants. The officers of this Synod are Rev. Daniel Jenkins, President, Rev. W. Jenkins, Sec'y., Rev John Krack, Treasurer. They will hold their next meeting in Zion's Church, Jackson County, Illinois, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1852.

No. 4, Are the Minutes of the 15th Convention of the English Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States. It numbers 11 ordained Ministers and 5 Licentiates, who report 38 congregations, 407 baptisms, 260 confirmations, and 2,333 communicants. The Rev. J. Channing is President, Rev. D. Sparks, Sec'y., and Rev. D. Rothracker, Treasurer.

They represent their College and Seminary as in a prosperous condition, though in existence but a few years. The number of students in attendance in the literary department last term was 180.

Let us begin, and begin at once to rear an Institution in our midst for the education of our sons, and we will promote, with greater rapidity than we have been able to do for the last 30 years, the interest of the Church we profess to love. The above mentioned Synod will hold its next annual meeting at New Philadelphia, on Thursday before the *full moon* in October, 1852.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,

Adopted. *Cor. Secretary.*

2. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by bro. J. Swicegood.

SECOND SESSION.

May 1*st*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Synod opened with prayer by the Secretary. The roll was called. The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Jacob Scherer, a member of the Western Virginia Synod, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat among us as an advisory member of the same.

The Parochial Reports were now called for and handed in, and are as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations,	Baptisms. Adults,	Baptisms. Infants	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Restorations,	Dismissions,	Admissions,	Expulsions,	Burials,	Death of Members,	Prayer Meetings,	Mis. & Ed. Societies	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Scholars,
Rev. J. D. Scheck,	2		30	515	23	4	1	12		12		3	2	2		
" Wm. Artz,	4		28	190						13						
" S. Rothrock,	2		41	509	3		7			15	5		2			
" B. Arey,																
" Wm. G. Harter,	3	5	33	389	41	5	2	6	6	18	8	2		3	25	160
" J. A. Linn,	2	3	16	195	25	2	2	6	1	12	3	1		2		
" J. Crim,	4	1	5	115	6			3				1		1		
" L. C. Groseclose,	3	25	10	125	50		2			5	2	1				
" J. Swicegood,	2		5	50	6					2						
" B. N. Hopkins,	4	4	20	374	36	1	2	10			3	1		2		
" S. Scherer,	1		8	125	3	1		2			3	1				
" A. Grimes,	1	3	4		3											
Total,	28	41	200	2587	196	13	16	39	7	77	24	10	4	10	25	160

The Committee on the President's Report now reported. On motion, it was considered, item by item, and, while pending, it was

3. *Resolved*, That the further discussion of this Report be deferred to the next session of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn until after the Divine services of this afternoon.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

The hour of preaching having arrived, bro. S. Rothrock addressed the congregation from Luke ii, 32. After an intermission of half an hour, bro. W. G. Harter preached from Daniel viii, 13, 14.

THIRD SESSION.

3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod opened with prayer by bro. L. C. Groseclose. The roll was called. The Committee to audit the accounts of the different Treasurers now reported.

Report No. 2.

The Treasurer, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, would respectfully report as follows:

Balance due Synod last year		$5 97½
Contributions at the same		64 78½
Whole amount		$70 76½

Vouchers.

Paid to J. J. Bruner as per order of Secretary of Synod	$48 00	
Paid to Rev. B. Arey, as per order of Synod	15 00	
Paid to Rev. J. A. Linn, as per order of Synod	6 87½	
		$69 87½
Balance due Synod		88½

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Report No. 3.

The Treasurer of Centenary Fund reports as follows:

Principal now in hand	$531 06½
Interest to present time	31 86½
Total	$562 92½

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SMITH, Treasurer.

Report No. 4.

Moses Barrier, Treasurer of Seminary Fund, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, as follows:

To one Note, due April 15th, 1851,	$500 00	
Interest accruing on the above, to April 15th, 1852		30 00
To one Note, due April 16th, 1850,	294 00	
Interest accruing on the above to April 15th, 1852		35 25
To one Note, due April 15th, 1851,	137 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th, 1852		8 22
To one Note, due April 15th, 1851,	107 50	
Interest on the above to April 15th, 1852,		6 45
Total,	$1038 50	$79 92

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Report No. 5.

The Committee appointed to examine the Reports of the Treasurers of Seminary Fund, Centenary Fund, and Synodical Fund, respectfully report;

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the several reports correct. Your Committee recommend that the Reports of the several Treasurers be spread out in full upon the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L. ROTHROCK,
A. SWICEGOOD,
H. FOGLEMAN.

Adopted.

5. *Resolved*, That the amount of interest accruing from the Centenary Fund, be added to the Treasury of the Education and Missionary Society.

6. *Resolved*, That one dollar and twenty cents, received from Bethel Church, be paid to the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society.

7. *Resolved*, That the sum of $79 92, interest arising from the Seminary Fund, be paid over to bro. J. D. Scheck, to be by him transmitted to the Treasurer of the Seminary, at Lexington, South Carolina.

The Report upon the President's Report, was now taken up again, considered, and adopted.

Report No. 6,

Your Committee on the President's Report, beg leave to state that they have had this document under consideration, and would present the following:

First. In relation to the alteration of the Constitution, we cannot make any suggestion, because of the appointment of a Committee whose duty is to examine said Constitution and propose such alterations as may be deemed necessary.

Secondly. In regard to the establishment of a high school, as suggested in the Report, your Committee fully concur in the opinion that such a school, established upon a solid basis, at a proper place, would be of great advantage to the Church in our ecclesiastical bounds, and would recommend the taking of some incipient steps, relative to the establishment of such a Collegiate School, if, in the judgment of your body, this measure be deemed practicable.

Finally. We recommend that the Report be appended to the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER,
JOHN D. SCHECK,
D. M. WAGNER.

Adopted.

8. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet half past 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Divine services commenced at 10 o'clock, when the Rev. J. D. Scheck, preached to a large and attentive congregation, assembled at the stand, from Matthew vi, 6. Immediately after which, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a number of communicants.

At 2 o'clock, the services were resumed at the Stand, when the Rev. L. C. Groseclose preached on the subject of Missions and Education from Matthew xxvi, and latter clause of the 8th verse. Immediately after which, a very liberal collection was lifted in favor of the Missionary and Education Society in connection with this Synod.

At night, Rev. J. Swicegood preached in the Church to a crowded and attentive congregation.

May God water the seed here sown, and save the purchase of his Son's most precious blood.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by the President. The roll was called. The Minutes of the sessions of Saturday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on unfinished business now reported.

Report No. 7.

The Committee on unfinished business beg leave to report—

That they have examined the Minutes of last Synod and find but four items of unfinished business to which the attention of Synod is called.

1. Is a Committee appointed to procure a lot or lots of ground for the use and benefit of the Lutheran Church in the town of Winston. We recommend that said Committee be discharged.

2. Is a Committee of Three appointed to take the Liturgy into consideration, and report at this meeting of Synod. We recommend that they now be called upon to report.

3, and 4, Is the appointment of Delegates to sister Synods—Rev. W. G. Harter to the South Carolina Synod,—Rev. Jacob Crim to the Western Virginia Synod. Your Committee recommend that they be called upon to report.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN SWICEGOOD,
JOHN SLOOP.

Adopted.

In respect to item 1st in the above Report, it was

9. *Resolved*, That said Committee be discharged.

In respect to item 2d, it was

10. *Resolved*, That the Committee be continued, and that they report at our next session of Synod.

Items 3 and 4 relate to our Corresponding Delegates to sister Synods. Having tendered their excuses, it was

11. *Resolved*, That they be excused for non-attendance.

The Committee on Finance now reported upon Synodical contributions.

Report No. 8.

The Committee on Finance report the following contributions to the Synodical Treasury:

From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.

St. John's Church, - - - - -	$8 00	
Luther's Chapel, - - - - -	3 00	$11 00

From Rev. Wm. Artz's charge.

St. Paul's Church, - - - - -	1 25	
Lowe's Church, - - - - -	1 25	
Frieden's Church, - - - - -	5 50	8 00

From Rev. Samuel Rothrock's charge.

Organ Church,	8 00	
St. Stephen's Church,	2 00	10 00

From Rev. William G. Harter's charge.

St. James' Church,	4 00	
Bethel Church,	2 75	
——— Church,	1 06¼	7 81¼

From Rev. Joseph A. Linn's charge.

St. Paul's Church,	3 00	
St. Matthew's Church,	2 50	5 50

From Rev. L. C. Groseclose's charge.

Sandy Creek Church,	1 20	
Beck's Church,	48	
Pilgrim's Church,	1 00	
Philip Swicegood,	50	3 18

From Rev. B. N. Hopkins' charge.

St. Paul's Church,	2 40	
Newton,	2 60	
St. Enoch's Church,	3 50	8 50

From Rev. S. Scherer's charge, 4 10

From Rev. J. Swicegood's charge.

Hopewell Church,	1 00	
Nazareth Church,	1 00	2 00

Total, $60 09¼

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
H. FOGLEMAN,
A. SWICEGOOD.

Adopted.

It was then ordered, that the Committee on Finance pay over the Synodical contributions in their hands to the Treasurer of Synod and take his bond.

A letter from bro. J. Crim was now read, whereupon it was

12. *Resolved*, That Synod is pleased to hear from bro. Crim,—and of his liberal feelings towards our Missionary Society.

The subject of vacant congregations now came up for consideration, when statements were made by several of the brethren relative to several vacant congregations in the bounds of our Synod.

Relative to Carver's Church, it was moved that the further consideration of this Church be referred to the Missionary and Education Society.

13. *Resolved*, That the further discussion on the subject of vacancies be laid over until our next session.

14. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again immediately after the rising of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with prayer by bro. Jacob Scherer.

The hour of preaching having arrived, bro. Hopkins preached from the 1st Psalm.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by bro. W. G. Harter.

The Committee on Petitions and vacancies now reported.

Report No. 9.

The Committee on Petitions and vacancies beg leave to report:

No. 4, Is a petition from Luther's Church, Rowan County, N. C., in which they ask to be supplied either by bro. Linn, or some other Minister of this Synod. We recommend that brother Linn visit them.

No. 5, Is a letter from bro. Grimes, through bro. Crim, in which he states that he is about to organize a congregation where he lives. He asks to be excused for not attending this meeting of Synod, and for a copy of the Minutes. We recommend that his requests be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JOHN SLOOP,
LEONARD HOFFNER.

Adopted.

The subject of vacancies came up, and was deferred to the next session of Synod.

15. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SIXTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by bro. L. C. Groseclose. The roll being called, the Minutes of the sessions of Monday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the Constitution of Synod now reported.

Report No. 10.

The Committee whose duty it was made to suggest alterations and amendments to the Constitution, would offer the following:

1. That in Chapter X, and Section 5, the word "*Congregation*", after the word "*another*," be stricken out, and the word *denomination* substituted.

2. That in Chapter XI, Section 7, the entire section be stricken out, and the following be placed in lieu of it:

That all Licenses issued by this Ministerium shall be perpetual, subject, however, to the order of this Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
WM. ARTZ,
L. C. GROSECLOSE.

Adopted.

The Committee on the state of Religion now reported.

Report No. 11.

Your Committee on the state of Religion present the following Report:

We are rejoiced to know that during the past year, various Churches in our connection have been visited with a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit,—new-born souls have been introduced into the family and Church of God as trophies of the triumphs of grace.

Notwithstanding the innumerable contending influences with which our journey has been beset, yet our march has been onward.

But whilst your Committee rejoice in what the good Lord has been doing for us, we regret that much of the ground, which ought to be occupied by us, is still lying waste. Numbers of vacant Churches and destitute neighborhoods call to us to come to their help, but the want of Ministers prevents a response to their petitions.

Thus we see our most urgent efforts are called for with redoubled and unremitting energy and diligence.

Respectfully submitted,

B. N. HOPKINS.
L. C. GROSECLOSE.

Adopted.

The subject of vacancies now came up for final disposal, when it was,

16. *Resolved*, That the Congregations, known as Frieden's Church, Richland Church, and Zion's Church, be formed into a Pastoral District, and that we recommend to said Congregations to unite in making such arrangements in procuring the services of a Pastor as may be satisfactory to them and promotive of their prosperity.

The subject of establishing a Literary Institution, within the bounds of our Synod, now came up for further consideration,—when it appeared that there was no matured plan of operation presented to Synod, and wishing to act prudently and safely; therefore, it was,

17. *Resolved*, That we hold a Convention to meet in Concord, Cabarrus County, on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, at

11 o'clock, A. M., for the further consideration of the establishment of a High School in the bounds of this Synod, and the maturing of a plan for the same, and that each Congregation send at least one representative to said meeting, and that every friend to said Institution be invited to attend said Convention.

18. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again after the meeting of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with prayer by the President.

The hour of preaching having arrived, bro. J. Swicegood preached from Job xxii, 21.

SEVENTH SESSION.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Secretary. The roll was called. Synod now went into an election of Delegates to the General Synod, and Corresponding delegates to sister Synods.

To General Synod.—*Ministerial Delegate*—Rev. John D. Scheck. Alternate, Rev. William G. Harter. *Lay Delegate*—Mr. D. M. Wagner,—alternate, Ludwig Summers.

To South Carolina Synod.—Rev. Joseph A. Linn,—alternate, Rev. L. C. Groseclose.

To Western Virginia Synod.—Rev. William G. Harter,—alternate, Rev. J. Swicegood.

The former Treasurer of our Centenary Fund having resigned his office, and contemplating a removal to Texas, Synod now went into an election to fill said vacancy; when, upon ballot, it was found that Mr. John Sloop was elected.

19. *Resolved*, That the President appoint two as a Committee to settle with the former Treasurer, pay the funds over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

Committee: Revs. J. D. Scheck and L. C. Groseclose.

20. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet again on Friday before the first Sabbath in May, 1853.

21. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the members and friends of Frieden's Church, for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during our stay in their midst, and that the President announce the same from the Pulpit.

The place of our next meeting of Synod was ballotted for. Bethel

Church, Stanly County; Newton, Catawba County; and Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, were put in nomination; when, on counting the votes, it was determined that Newton be the place of the next meeting of our Synod.

22. *Resolved*, That the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the Minutes printed; that *five* copies be sent to each of those Synods with whom we are in regular correspondence, and *one* to each of the other Synods in the United States of America.

23. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Missionary and Education Society prepare extracts of the proceedings of said Society, and that they be appended to the Minutes of Synod, as also the revised Constitution.

The proceedings of to-day were now read and confirmed.

24. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place above named.

Closed with prayer by the President.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
Secretary of the Synod.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

May 1*st*, 1852, 8½ *o'clock*, *A. M.*

THE Ministerium met, and was opened for business with prayer by the President.

The letters 1, 2, and 3, referred to this Ministerium by the Synod, were now taken up.

Letter No. 1, Constitutes the resignation of the Rev. John H. Coffman in connection with the surrender of his License; when it was

1. *Resolved*, That the name of John H. Coffman, a Licentiate of this Synod, in view of his inefficiency in the Ministry and other reasons, be stricken from the roll.

Letter No. 2, Is a petition from the Church Council in Salisbury requesting the continued services of the Rev. John H. Coffman.

2. *Resolved*, That the request of the above petitioners cannot be granted.

No. 3, Is a letter from the Rev. S. Scherer, conveying a certificate of honorable dismission from the Western Virginia Synod, and his desire to be received into connection with this Synod.

When upon ballot he was received into this Ministerium.

The sermons and journals of our several Licentiates were now called for and presented,—when, on motion, they were referred to Committees to examine and report upon the same to this Ministerium.

First Committee.—On the sermons and journal of bro. B. N. Hopkins: Revs. L. C. Groseclose and J. D. Scheck.

Second Committee.—On the sermons and journal of bro. J. S. Heilig: Revs. William G. Harter and J. Swicegood.

3. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet this evening, 7½ o'clock.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday evening, 7½ o'clock.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Sam'l. Rothrock. The Minutes of the first session were read and approved.

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of this Ministerium, that Rev. B. N. Hopkins has refused to sign the Constitution of this Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That he be inquired of as to his reasons for so refusing, and whether he still declines so doing.

Bro. Hopkins having been heard,

5. *Resolved*, That he be required to subscribe our Constitution, and when so subscribed, that he be permitted to act under the authority of his perpetual License.

6. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by bro. Groseclose.

THIRD SESSION.

Monday evening, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by bro. Rothrock. The Minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the sermon and journal of bro. Heilig now reported.

Report No. 1.

Your Committee on the sermon and journal of the Rev. J. S. Heilig, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same—that from his journal, it is apparent that bro. Heilg has been laboring during the major part of the past year in some of the destitute portions of the Church within our bounds, as Missionary, employed by the Executive Committee, from whom a report will come up in due time to our Missionary Society.

We are happy to report, that the sermon of bro. Heilig is well written, sound in doctrine, and though quite brief, comprehends the subject of the text.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. HARTER,
JOHN SWICEGOOD.

Adopted.

Several hours were now most profitably spent by the Brethren in relating their several experiences in their Pastoral relations, and the performance of the responsible duties of that sacred office.

7. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet subject to the call of the President.

Closed with a benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday evening, 8 *o'clock.*

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by the President. The roll being called, the Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The subject of bro. Heilig's licensure now came up for consideration, when, upon ballotting, it was determined that he receive License in accordance with our Constitution.

The Committee on the sermon and journal of bro. Hopkins now reported.

Report No. 2

The Committee to whom were referred the sermon and journal of bro. Hopkins, beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty as faithfully as the time allotted would permit them to do. Document, *No.* 1, Is the sermon of bro. Hopkins. The arrangement is good; the divisions such as the subject naturally suggests; the ideas are clearly expressed and forcibly illustrated; the language dignified.

No. 2, Is his journal, which shows that he has been actively engaged in practicing the points touched upon in his sermon.

We recommend that it be read.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JOHN D. SCHECK.

Adopted.

8. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn.

Closed with prayer by bro. Harter and a benediction by the President.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST SESSION.

THE Missionary and Education Society met on Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M., at Frieden's Church, Guilford County, N. C. The object of the Society having been explained, a number of persons became members by the payment of fifty cents or more each. After the Society was called to order, the President gave notice that the first business in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result of the election was:

Rev. B. N. HOPKINS, *President*,
" J. A. LINN, *Vice President*,
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary*,
Mr. D. M. WAGNER, *Treasurer*.

On motion, the interest of the Centenary Fund was paid into the Treasury of this Society, as per resolution of Synod, amounting to - - - - - - $31 86

Also from Bethel Church, - - - - 1 20

Contributions being called for, the following sums were received:

Collection at the Stand on Sabbath, - - 22 65

Contributions to-day, - - - - - 25 50

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM REV. W. G. HARTER'S CONGREGATIONS.

Bethel Congregation.

Philip Ridenhower 25 cents; John Ridenhower 25 cents; Wiley Leyerle 25 cents; Paul Barringer 20; E. Sides 25; M. Barringer 25; Geo. Misenheimer 50; Daniel Melchor 50; Moses Shimpoch 50; E. W. Blackwelder 25; $3 20

Newby Organized Church.

Paul Dry 75 cents; John N. Dry 30; Joseph Bost 50; C. W. Ritchey 25; Geo. Ury 30; Moses Dry 25; Abraham Dry 25; John Eudy 25; Solomon Dry 25; Moses Fink 25; J. B. Dry 50; E. B. Barrier 25; L. Pliler 25: J. Eudy 25; Wiley Dry 25; 4 85

St. James' Church.

Wm. R. Blackwelder 25 cents; A. M. Lingle 25; D. M. Blackwelder 25; Joseph Cook 25; James Scott 25; Allison Fink 25; J. M. Plott 25; Daniel Fisher 50; Solomon Slough 25; Allison Winecoff 25; Ransom Winecoff 25; David Suther 25; H. Winecoff 10; M. Lipe 50; D. M. Wagner 50; J. A. Fink 25; N. Krimminger 25; R. C. Blackwelder 25; R. Blackwelder 25; J. A. Cline 25; M. Scott 50; G. Petrae 10; P. J. Brown 10; Israel Fisher 25; D. J. Fink 25; C. F. Blume 25; Amie Petrae 25; M. M. Litaker 25; G. Fink 25; Reuben Blackwelder 50; Martha Fink 50; Sarah C. Fink 25; Wilson Blackwelder 25; C. Newsum 10; George Bost 25; Wm. Stough 50; John Fisher 50; J. File 25; J. Bost 25; L. B. Krimminger $1; Joseph Suther 50; Martin Dry 25; R. Dawalt 25; J. L. Misenheimer 25; M. Blackwelder 25: J. W. Fisher 25; Mary Klutts 25; V. N. Mitchell 25; Jacob A. Fisher 25; 14 65

Collection at the Fall Communion, 6 00

REV. L. C. GROSECLOSE'S CHARGE.

Sandy Creek Church, - - - - 23 15
Beck's Church, - - - - - 4 75
Pilgrim's Church - - - - - 4 80

REV. JOS. A. LINN'S CHARGE.

St. Matthew's Church, - - - - 2 20
For a Funeral sermon, - - - - 1 00

FROM REV. S. SCHERER'S CHARGE.

Union Church, - - - - - 3 00

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the following Committee, viz:—Rev. W. G. Harter, and D. M. Wagner.

A Committee was appointed to receive, count and pay the money received at this meeting to the Treasurer and to take his bond for the same.

Committee: Leonard Hoffner and A. Swicegood.

It was moved that we now adjourn until to-morrow 1 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with a benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

The Society again assembled according to adjournment on yesterday. After prayer, the Minutes of the former session were read and confirmed.

Reports being called for, the Committee, No. 1, on the revision of the Constitution reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them at our last meeting. The New Constitution was then read, amended and adopted.

No. 2 reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report, beg leave to say, that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HARTER.
D. M. WAGNER.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paul A. Seaford, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, viz:

Dr.

To amount of available funds reported at the last meeting	$100 00
" amount received at meeting from contributions, &c.,	53 00
" amount received May 20, '51, as int. on Centenary Fund,*	34 06
" amount received of Council, St. Paul's Church, Sept. 7, '51,	2 75
" amount rec'd. of J. S. Heilig on beneficiary note, March 10, '52,	10 27
Interest received,	1 20
Total, - - -	$201 28

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Paid Rev. J. Crim, for Miss. labor, per order, May 23, '51,	$37 00	
" Rev. J. S. Heilig, for do. " March 10, 1852,	147 27	
" Rev. J. Swicegood do. " May 3d, 1852,	10 00	
" Treasurer's travelling expenses to S. C., in 1850,	4 50	
" W. Henderson, Const. cost on suit against J. Krimminger,	1 40	–200 17
Balance on hand,		$1 11

*The above ought to be $31.86¼.

Beneficiary Notes, to wit:

One note on L. C. Groseclose,			bearing date	6 of May, 1845, for	$75 00
" "	W. H. Fink,		" "	2 Nov. 1849,	65 00
" "	R. M. Jones,		" "	3 " "	60 00
" "	on the same,		" "	" " "	55 00
" "	" " "		" "	14 May, 1850,	30 00
Balance of a note on J. S. Heilig,				5 Jan'y., 1849,	29 73
					$314 73

P. A. SEAFORD, *Treasurer.*

April 26, 1852.

Committee No. 3 reported as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the collections and contributions received this meeting, report that they have counted the same and find the amount to be $148 71¼.

LEONARD HOFFNER,
A. SWICEGOOD.

It was,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to collect the note, held by this Society, on W. H. Fink for $65 00, or, if he is not able to pay it, to require of him a security to the same.

On motion, the following report of the Executive Committee was adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee would report, that they have endeavored to attend to the business assigned them.

Immediately after the adjournment of our last meeting, your Committee employed the Rev. J. S. Heilig to missionate in destitute portions of the Church within our Synodical bounds. In obedience to the instructions given him, he labored in the Counties of Davidson, Forsythe and Rowan, for the space of seven months, as may be learned more particularly from his report. Your Committee have passed an order on the Treasurer for full Missionary wages for the time above mentioned.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
W. G. HARTER.

The following persons constitute the *Executive Committee* for the ensuing year under the New Constitution.

Revs. J. D. Scheck, W. Artz, W. G. Harter, J. Swicegood, and Joseph A. Linn.

Board of Directors for the year.—Ludwig Summers, Esq., Edwin Holt, Esq., H. Fogleman, Esq., Capt. J. Sloop, L. Hoffner, A. Swicegood,

Jacob Summers, Esq., S. Wagner, C. A. Boon, B. Summers, L. C. Groseclose, and D. M. Wagner.

Rev. J. D. Scheck was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at our next meeting and Rev. W. G. Harter, his alternate.

Resolved, That the Revised Constitution be printed with the Minutes of Synod, and the cost of printing it be paid by this Society,

The Minutes being read and confirmed, it was,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with a benediction.

The above is a faithful copy of the proceedings of this Society.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary*.

REVISED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PARENT MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA,

1852.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "*Parent Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.*"

ARTICLL II. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of 50 cents annually into its Treasury. Five Dollars shall constitute membership for life, and ten dollars directorship for life.

ARTICLE III. Congregational Societies, adopting the leading features of this Constitution, and contributing to the funds of this Society, shall be regarded as auxiliaries.

ARTICLE IV. The object of this Society is two-fold; *first*, to send the Gospel to the destitute sections of the Church within the bounds of the North Carolina Synod; *secondly*, to afford assistance to indigent pious young men who are preparing for the Gospel ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE V. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE VI. The President shall appoint annually 12 Directors and an Executive Committee of 5, which Committee shall be authorized to employ a Missionary, or Missionaries, and assign their stations or fields of labor. They shall also examine all applicants for pecuniary aid, in regard to their piety, qualifications and acquirements.

ARTICLE VII. Seven members shall constitute a quorum; who may transact any business belonging to the Society; and every meeting of the Society shall be opened with prayer.

ARTICLE VIII. The Treasurer shall give bond and security as the Executive Committee shall direct, and hand in a written statement of his accounts for examination. An order from two of this Committee, attested by one of the Directors, on the Treasurer, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay a Missionary his salary, or a beneficiary his allowance. He shall vest surplus property and funds of the Society in the safest and most productive forms; make payments and advances of money agreeably to the orders of the Society, and shall give to the Society and Executive Committee, whenever they request it, a particular account of the state of the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. No travelling or stationed Missionary employed by this Society, shall receive a sum exceeding $25 00 per month as a compensation for his services; and no beneficiary shall be allowed more than $100 00 per annum, which appropriation shall be paid semi-annually to the proper order of the Executive Committee. Beneficiaries engaged in any other business than their regular course of study, shall be entitled to no appropriation during the time they shall be so engaged.

ARTICLE X. Each Beneficiary who receives aid from this Society, shall give his note for the amount (without interest,) and if he be unable to refund the money, it shall be a gift, provided the Evangelical Lutheran Church receives the benefit of his ministerial labors.

ARTICLE XI. The number of beneficiaries to be received on the funds of the Society, shall be determined at the annual meeting of the Society; but in no case, whatever, shall a greater number be received than one half of the amount of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer at the time of the meeting of the Society will justify.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to attend the meetings of the Society, to attest the orders of the Executive Com-

mittee; and, together with said Committee, to increase the funds of the Society, by soliciting themselves, and by appointing and instructing agents to solicit the aid requisite to achieve the objects in view.

ARTICLE XIII. The Executive Committee shall have power to appropriate all the monies of the Society for the support of Beneficiaries and the payment of Missionaries; of examining and selecting candidates for patronage; of appointing Committees to examine and recommend its applicants; of assigning to Missionaries their stations and fields of labor; and, generally, of transacting all business necessary for the furtherance of the objects of said Society, not otherwise herein provided for. Finally, the Executive Committee shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and report their transactions to the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE XIV. Candidates may be aided in each stage of preparatory education for the Ministry;—but, except in very singular cases, no applicant shall be assisted, even in the first stage, who shall not produce from serious and respectable characters, unequivocal testimonials of hopeful piety, promising talents, and real indigence; nor shall any person be continued on this foundation, whose instructor or instructors, except in very special cases, shall not, semi-annually, exhibit to the Society satisfactory evidence that, in point of genius, diligence, literary progress, morals and piety, he is a proper character to receive aid from these sacred funds;—in addition to which, each Beneficiary, after his admission into any College, shall annually exhibit to the Society, through the Executive Committee, or some of its Officers, a written declaration that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the Gospel ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE XV. Any person who has been assisted by this Society, and whose name shall be stricken from the list of Beneficiaries, because of misconduct, or other deficiencies in regard to the qualifications required by the Constitution and the rules of the Directors and Executive Committee; or who shall have concluded not to devote himself to the Gospel ministry in the Lutheran Church, shall, within a reasonable time, refund the sum expended for his education, with lawful interest, whenever required by the Society.

ARTICLE XVI. Whenever a Society shall be formed by members of any Evangelical Lutheran congregation, or the inhabitants of any neighborhood, which shall adopt the essential principles of this Constitution, especially the provisions of the 14th Article, as the basis of its own, such Society, upon the due notice of its existence and desire of union, shall

be received by vote as a constituent branch of this Society. Every such branch Society shall possess the right of appointing its own Officers, and also the right of appropriating its own funds, for the aasistance of beneficiaries, who shall have, in all respects, the requisite qualifications, and of paying the salaries of its Missionaries. All monies of any branch Society, not appropriated as above, shall be transmitted to the general Treasury, and whenever the exigencies of such Society shall exceed its own resources, it may apply for assistance to this Society at any of its meetings.

Article XVII. No Missionary shall be employed unless he be licensed by some regularly constituted Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Article XVIII. Every Missionary, employed by the Society, shall keep a regular journal of his labors, together with an account of all receipts, and report the same to the Executive Committee, who shall report to the Society at its annual meeting.

Article XIX. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as the interests of the Society demand, and the President shall call such meetings whenever he deems them necessary, and it shall be his duty to do so when solicited by at least seven members of the Society.

Article XX. The stated meetings of this Society shall be held at the time and place of the meeting of Synod; and special meetings, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, shall be called by the President.

Article XXI. The Executive Committee shall adopt such By-Laws as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Society.

Article XXII. The Executive Committee shall supply all vacancies in their numbers, until the next annual meeting of the Society.

Article XXIII. If the President, in the interim between the meetings of this Society, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, the next in office shall take his place and perform his duties;—if it be the Secretary or the Treasurer, the President shall appoint another, ad interim, in his stead.

Article XXIV. The President shall act as Chairman of the meeting. He may make motions, give his opinion and vote like every other member. He shall appoint a Minister, and another for his alternate, who shall preach on the subject of Education and Missions at the next annual meeting. In case the business of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall appoint an Assistant-Secretary, and

make known to him what portion of the labors he ought to undertake.

ARTICLE XXV. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest and carefully preserve all the documents and writings of the Society, and do all the official writing, not otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE XXVI. This Constitution shall not be altered, except at the annual meeting, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

MINUTES.

In conformity with the 20th resolution adopted last Synod, the Ev. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina convened at Newton, Catawba County, N. C., on Friday, April 29th, 1853.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the President preached the Synodical sermon from Luke xvi. chap. and 31st verse.

Immediately after sermon the members of Synod were called to order by singing and prayer by the President. The Secretary called the roll and the following were named as composing the Synod.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,	*Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C.*
" WM. ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Alamance county,* "
" SAM'L ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan county,* "
" BENJ. AREY,*	*Statesville, Iredell county,* "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus county,* "
" JACOB CRIM,	*Jerusalem, Davie county* "
" J. A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan county,* "
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Lexington Davidson county,* "
" JOHN SWICEGOOD,	*Brummells, Davidson county,* "
" S. SCHERER,	*Salisbury, Rowan county,* "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,†	*Clapp's, Guilford county, N. C.*
" A. GRIMES,†	*Hay Meadows, Wilks county,* "
" J. S. HEILIG.	

*Absent, but afterwards appeared. †Absent, and from whom nothing was heard.

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LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. ALEX. BLACKWELDER,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge,*		
" PETER TREXLER,	"	" *S. Rothrock's*	"
	"	" *Wm. Artz's,*	"
" JAMES SCOTT,	"	" *Wm. G. Harter's,*	"
" JOSEPH SHIVE,	"	" *J. Crim's,*	"
" GEO. RENDLEMAN, Esq.	"	" *J. A. Linn's*	"
" GIDEON SINK,	"	" *L. C. Groseclose's*	"
" JOHN SHARP,	"	" *J. Swicegood's*	"
" HENRY BARRINGER,	"	" *S. Scherer's*	"
"DANIEL M. ISENHOUR,	"	" *J. S. Heilig's.*	"

On motion, Mr. John Smithdeal was received as commissioner from St. Paul's church, Iredell County.

On Motion, Jonas Bost, Esq., was received as commissioner from the congregation at Newton.

The President read his report which was accepted. Synod went into an election for officers. After numerous balloting, on motion business was suspended till 1½ o'clock. At the appointed hour the business of the previous sitting was resumed and after several more ballotings the following were announced as officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. JOSEPH A. LINN, *President.*
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Rec. Sec.*
" S. SCHERER, *Cor. Sec.*
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

Rev. E. Dufford, delegate from the S. C. Synod, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

On motion, the minutes of last Synod were referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

All letters, papers, &c., intended for Synod being called for, were now handed in, read, and numbered.

Notice was given that an explanation of Sec. 3, of chap. 3, of the Constitution; and also of Sec. 3, of Chap. 6, of the Formula of Discipline, would be asked.

On motion, the letters &c., were taken up and disposed of in numerical order.

No. 1. Is a letter from the council of St. John's, Salisbury, in relation

to a pecuniary difficulty between them and Rev. J. D. Scheck. In reference to the above, it was

Resolved, I. That a Committee of five be appointed to meet in Salisbury on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, then and there to investigate the complaint of the Church Council of St. John's, and report the same to the next meeting of Synod. COMMITTEE: J. H. Thompson, Esq., C. Melcher, Esq., Jeremiah Barringer, Esq., William Walton, Esq., and Jacob File, Esq.

No. 2. Is a petition from Mt. Carmel congregation, Cabarrus County, praying to be received into connection with this Synod. It being ascertained that said petitioners have complied with the Constitutional requisitions, it was

Resolved, II. That the request of the petitioners be granted.

No. 3. Is a petition from Bethel church, Stanly County, praying this Synod to hold its next annual Convention in said church.

On motion the petition was laid over until the time for the selection of a place for the next meeting of Synod.

No. 4. Is the appeal of Mr. Joseph A. Fink from the decision of the Church Council of St. James, Concord, Cabarrus County.

On motion, it was laid over until to-morrow morning.

No. 5. Contains sundry charges against Rev. W. G. Harter.

On motion it was also deferred till to-morrow.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

Committee on the President's Report.—Revs. Rothrock, Scherer, Mr. A. Blackwelder.

Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.—Rev. J. Crim, Messrs. G. Sink, and P. Trexler.

Committee on Finance.—Rev. W. G. Harter, Messrs. Isenhour, and Shive.

Committee on the State of Religion.—Revs. Artz, Scheck, and Swicegood.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Arey, Messrs. Rendleman, and H. Barringer.

On motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow 8 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Bro. Crim.

Bro. Heilig preached at night from the LXVIII. Psalm and 19 verse.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

The roll was called

On motion, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. After hearing and deliberating all day upon the appeal from the Church Council of St. James, the subject was laid over and made the order of the day for Monday. Bro. Scherer preached at eleven o'clock from Acts xxiv. chap. and 16 verse; and Bro. Crim at night from Matthew xix. chap. and 20 verse.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

A prayer meeting was conducted in the church by the Secretary at 9 o'clock, after which Bro. Rothrock preached a Sermon from James i. chap. and 25 verse. The exercises preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper were attended to by the President, after which a respectable number communed, including members of Synod and christians of different denominations.

At 3 o'clock Bro. Scheck preached the Missionary sermon from Romans i. chap. and 16 verse, at the close of which a liberal collection was received in behalf of our Synodical Missionary Society. Bro. Dufford preached in the Court House at candle light to a large and attentive audience—Text Rev. iii. chap. and 4, 5, verses. Thus ended the exercises of the Sabbath, much it is hoped to the edification of christians and the glory of the Great Head of the church. The Lord smile upon that part of his vineyard.

Monday Morning 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod again met in committee of the whole; the exercises opened by an address to a throne of grace; the roll being called, the committee resumed business. The decision of the committee having been heard, Bro. Harter asked for a new trial in behalf of the Church Council. After hearing his reasons the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, An appeal from the decision of the Church Council in the case of Rev. W. G. Harter and J. A. Fink was brought up to this Synod, which decision was reviewed and reversed by the Synod in committee of the whole, and, for reasons which have been respectfully set forth to this Synod by Rev. W. G. Harter, showing and declaring the grounds of his dissent from said reversion by the committee, and praying and petitioning this Synod for a new hearing and trial in the case; therefore,

Resolved, III. That a new trial be granted before the Church Council of St. James' church, Concord. Bro. Arey preached at 11 o'clock, from Ex. xv. chap. and 15. verse, latter clause.

No. 5. Containing charges against W. G. Harter was taken up and investigated. Item 1. is a charge of injustice in the case of Mr. John Berly and Rev. P. A. Strobel. After a patient hearing and due deliberation the following was adopted:

In view of the length of time since the transaction referred to; and in view of the circumstances under which the charge is now preferred,

Resolved, IV. That the charge in item 1. against W. G. Harter, be not sustained.

Having disposed of the above the committee took up item 2, of No. 5. The testimony having been heard on both sides, the following decision was given:

Resolved, V. That in view of the length of time since the unfortunate circumstance alluded to in the charge has transpired, and was known to many, and yet no presentation of it was made to this body; and in view of the circumstances under which it is now brought up—therefore,

Resolved, VI. That the charge in item 2, against Rev. W. G. Harter, be not sustained.

Bro. Swicegood preached at night from Rev. xxiii. chap. and last

THIRD SESSION.

Tuesday, 7½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Rothrock.

The roll was called.

Mr. Henry Troutman was introduced as commissioner from St. Michael's church, Iredell county, and invited to a seat amongst us as an advisory member.

REPORTS.

No. 1. Is the report of the Director of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C., and also his report as Delegate to the S. C. Synod.

Your Director met with the Board in November last at S. Marks Church, Edgefield District, S. C., and by them was received cordially, and permitted a participation freely in their deliberations. The Secretary presented an interesting report, showing the Theological Seminary, as also the Clasical Institution, to be in a prosperous condition. The number of students reported by Professor Berley is 21, and a capital of $22,000. During my visit I had the pleasure to witness the Inauguration of the Rev. L. Eichelberger, Prof. elect of the Theological Seminary, who immediately after delivered an able address on the necessary qualifications for the gospel ministry.

The Convention held at Concord in the month of July last, in accordance with a recommendation of this Synod, made it the duty of your Director to solicit the co-operation of the Board of Directors in support of our Literary Institution. For want of time this subject was not presented for the consideration of the Board; but, acting as I did in the capacity of corresponding Delegate, as well as that of Director, I brought it to the notice of Synod, whereupon the following report was adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. John D. Scheck, Delegate from the N. C. Synod to this this Synod, has brought to the notice of this body the design of the N. C. Synod to establish a Classical Institution in N. C., and solicited the co-operation of this body in its behalf, your Committee, appointed to take this subject under consideration, beg leave to present the following:

That, As the cause of education is all-important in promoting an enlightened christianity and the advancement of the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and never more so than at the present time; your committee have learned with lively satisfaction that their brethren of the N. C. Synod feel encouraged to engage in the establishment of an Institution, which may secure to this church within the bounds of said Synod, the advantage it is intended to confer. Whilst your committee are aware of the general difficulties connected with the establishment of an Institution of learning, however much needed, they hope

that in the present case, these difficulties will not be such as to discourage them in the enterprise in which they are about to engage. They are pleased to learn that the circumstances in the present case are such as to give the hope of encouraging success, therefore:

1. *Resolved*, That in the establishment of a Clasical Institution by the Synods of N. C., that body has the best wishes of this Synod for its success.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the obligations resting on this body, in sustaining the institution already depending on its support, this Synod regrets its inability to do more than express the christian sympathy and good wishes of this body in its behalf.

3. *Resolved*, That should such an Institution be established, we hope it may tend to preserve and strengthen the bond of union which should characterize the relation existing between us.

JOHN BACHMAN,
E. B. HORT,
W. BERLEY,
J. WINGARD.

On the first day of the meeting of Synod, the President kindly consented to call a meeting of the Ministerium, to whom I referred the case of B. N. Hopkins, a suspended member of this Synod. It is well known that the said Hopkins was suspended, by a committee appointed by the President of this body, for gross immorality, and that after his suspension he continued to preach in certain churches within our bounds, setting at defiance the authority of this Synod, and claiming to act under a pretended license granted him by the Synod of South Carolina.

The report of the committee, consisting of Dr. Bachman and Prof. Berley, and unanimously adopted by the Ministerium, will present this humiliating subject in its true aspect before the church and the world.

Whereas, The Ministerium of the Ev. Luth. Synod of S. C., and the adjacent States, in accordance with the constitution of the Theological Seminary, under the control of the church, are in the habit of granting continued license to the graduates of said Institution—And whereas, B. N. Hopkins, having been connected with the Theological Seminary at Lexington S. C., and, on leaving said Institution, had received from this Ministerium such continued license, removed within the bounds of the Synod of N. C., and, on the grounds of his graduating testimonials, was received as a member of that Synod; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we consider him amenable to the Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C. for every act, ministerial and moral.

2. *Resolved*, That whenever a student who has received license from us, connects himself with another Synod, he has no further connection with us.

3. *Resolved*, Therefore, that we, as a Ministerium, regard the action of the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of N. C. in the case of B. N. Hopkins, as final.

4. *Resolved*, That our understanding of a continued license, is, continuance during its proper ministerial conduct. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN,
WM. BERLEY.

In conclusion, it affords us much pleasure to say, that with the brethren of the S. C. Synod, the past year was one of unparalleled, success. God most graciously visited and redeemed his people; as the fruits of their revival season, hundreds were added to their churches, of such, we trust, as shall be saved.—Rev. E. Dufford was appointed the Delegate to this Synod—whom we are happy to see in our midst. My travelling expenses amounted to $7.50.

Adopted. J. D. SCHECK,
Director and Delegate.

Resolved, VII. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay Rev. J. D. Scheck, the sum of $7 50, his expense as delegate to the Synod of S. C.

No. 2. Report of Treasurer of Synod.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report No. 3.

The committee appointed last Synod to settle with Col. J. M. Smith, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, } Committee.
J. D. SCHECK, }

No report having been received from the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, it was,

Resolved, VIII. That a committee of two be appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund and report to the next Synod.

Committee.—J. D. Scheck and D. M. Isenhour.

The balance of interest collected by the Secretary was paid to the above committee to be by them paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund.

No. 4. Report of the Com. on the President's Report.

The committee to whom was referred the President's Report, beg leave to present the following:

1. The Synod will be pleased to hear the report of the committee which, by appointment of President, met in Concord in last July, to investigate the charge of immorality and impurity against B. N. Hopkins.

2. The committee are pleased to learn that efforts are being made for the establishment of a literary school in connection with this body. Synod will be pleased to hear what progress has been made towards the establishment of said school.

3. The committee would bring to the notice of Synod that part of the re-

port which relates to the appointment of special agents, to obtain subscriptions and donations in aid of said schools, as well as the sale of scholarships.

4. In relation to the recommendation of the President in reference to the amendment of the Constitution, your committee propose the following:

Resolved, That Section 7th of Chapter 11th, which was adopted last year, be stricken out; and that section 7th chapter 11th, as found in the printed Constitution of 1846, be reinstated; and also that the words, "And his license shall be regarded as valid;" in section 14th of chapter 3d, be stricken out.

5. Your Committee recommend that the President's Report, be printed with our minutes.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, S. ROTHROCK,
S. SHERER,
A. BLACKWELDER.

On motion, the President's Report was ordered to be printed with the minutes of Synod.

The following report &c., were read and adopted by Synod, upon the suggestions made by the above committee:—

1. The report of the Secretary of the July Convention in reference to the establishment of a Literary Institution in our midst, was read, received and adopted.

2. The plan of said Institution adopted by said Convention was read, approved and adopted.

3. The Constitution of the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Academy, was read, and on motion, it was considered by Articles.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Bro. Heilig.

Rev. J. Crawford, of the German Reformed Church, having come into our midst, was, on motion, invited to a seat amongst us, as an advisory member.

The business suspended by the adjournment of Synod was now resumed. On motion, the Constitution of Western Carolina Academy, as now amended, was adopted as a whole.

Item 1. of the above committee referring to the appointment of special agents to collect funds for the Institution, was on motion referred to the Board of Directors.

No. 5. Report of Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.

Your committee on Petitions and Vacancies beg leave to report—

That though no authentic documents, have been submitted to them, yet to their own knowledge there is a number of congregations within our bounds which we recommend to the prayerful consideration of this body.

1st. We learn from report that the congregations, formerly under the care of Bro. Artz, may be considered vacant, except one. This has ever been regarded as a very interesting section of our church, and it is desirable that it receive your serious attention.

2. St. Paul's and St. Michael's churches in Iredell County: These churches have for some time been vacant. They have heretofore been regarded as constituting Bro. Arey's charge, but owing to some difficuties which have arisen between him and them, their connection has been dissolved. Your attention is likewise directed to the Missionary station, lying contiguous to this charge, known as the Mineral Spring, which has, during the last four or five years, been occupied by J. Crim, but as it is impossible for him, with his present charge to do justice to it, it is earnestly recommended to your consideration.

3. The congregation at Newton, Catawba county, is also vacant. It is likewise a very interesting portion of our church; and from a consideration of the melancholy circumstances connected with this place, we would heartily recommend it to your prayerful attention.

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CRIM,
PETER TREXLER,
GIDEON SINK.

In reference to the 1st item of the above report, the following was passed:

Resolved, IX. That it be recommended to the Ev. Lutheran congregations, in connection with this Synod, in Guilford, Alamance, and Randolph counties, or their representatives, to meet together for the purpose of deliberating upon their present deranged condition, and for devising such means to supply themselves with a pastor or pastors, as shall be satisfactory to themselves.

With regard to the 2d item, the following was adopted:

Whereas, The destitute and distracted state of St. Michael's and St. Paul's churches has come to the notice of this Synod; and, whereas, repeated efforts have been made to effect a reconciliation but without success; therefore,

Resolved, X. That it be recommended to the churches above-named, to observe the Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in May, as a day of humiliation and prayer, seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit in the choice of a pastor; and that the congregation assemble at St. Michael's church.

Resolved, XI. That there be a protracted meeting held at Lau's church in Guilford county, to commence on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July next; and another at Frieden's church, Guilford county, to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in August next; and that Rev. brothers Scheck, Heilig, Scherer, Crim and Swicegood be requested to attend said meeting.

Resolved, XII. That the congregation at Newton, Catawba county, be recommended to the *very special* attention of the Ex. Com. of the Miss. & Ed. Society.

In reference to Mineral Spring it was, on motion, recommended that Bro. Arey visit them and preach for them, provided such arrangements can be made as shall be mutually satisfactory to both him and them.

No. 6. Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Item 1. refers to committee on Liturgy. No report. Committee discharged.

Item 2. Inquiry as to whether the Delegate to W. Va. Synod attended to his duty. Neither he nor his alternate attended. Both were excused for reasons satisfactory to Synod.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, B. AREY,
H. BARRINGER,
G. RENDLEMAN.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	BAPTISMS. Adults	BAPTISMS. Infants	Communicants	Confirmations	Restorations	Dismissions	Admissions	Expulsions	Burials	Death of members	Prayer Meetings	Miss. & Educational Society.	Sunday Schools	Teachers	Scholars
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK	2	4	37	530	56	..	4	2	2	7	7	2	2	..	..	..
" WILLIAM ARTZ	1	....	32	87	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" S. ROTHROCK	2	1	39	589	80	2	..	3	..	14	6	..	2	..	..	..
" BENJ. AREY	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" WM. G. HARTER	4	2	32	432	12	4	5	8	..	7	4	1	..	2	11	90
" J. CRIM	1	....	5	115	....	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
" J. A. LINN	2	1	21	215	11	1	12	4	3	11	7	1	..	..	..	..
" L. C. GROSECLOSE	4	29	20	200	56	..	..	2	2	15	1	3	..	1	..	..
" J. SWICEGOOD	3	....	6	40	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" S. SCHERER	1	4	25	155	34	4	9	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
" J. S. HEILIG	2	....	12	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	25	41	229	2513	251	11	30	26	7	61	27	8	4	4	11	90

No. 7. Is a document containing the Constitution of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C. On motion it was referred to a committee of three.

No. 8. Report of Financial Committee.

No. 1. Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The Treasurer of the Ev. Luth. Synod of N. C., would respectfully report as follows:

To balance due Synod last year	$	88¼
" Contributions last Synod	$62	52¼
Whole amount	$63	42
Paid to J. J. Bruner, as per order of Secretary, for printing minutes	$42	00
To balance due Synod	$21	42

Respectfully submitted,

MATHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund.

Your Treasurer of Seminary Fund begs leave to report as follows: Moses Barrier in account with the Ev. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, to wit:

To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - -	$500 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th 1853 - - - -		$30 00
To 1 note due April 15, 1852 - - - - -	$294 00	
Interest on the above to April 15th 1853 - - - -		$17 64
To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - -	$137 00	
Interest on the above to April, 15th 1853 - - - -		$8 22
To 1 note due April 15th 1852 - - - - -	$107 50	
Principal, - -	$1038 50	
Interest on the above to April 15th, 1853, - - - - -		$6 75
Total Interest, - - - - -		$62 31

Respectfully submitted, MOSES BARRIER, Treasurer.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. J. D. Scheck's Churches.

St. John's church - - - - - -	$8 00	
Luther's Chapel - - - - - -	3 00	$11 00

Brought forward			$12 00

Rev. William C. Harter's Churches.

St. James' church		$4 00	
Bethel	"	2 00	
Mt. Carmel	"	1 15	
Luther's	"	1 27½	$8 42½

Rev. S. Rothrock's Churches.

Organ church		$8 00	
St. Stephen's	"	2 00	$10 00

Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Churches.

Pilgrim church		$1 75	
Andrew Sink		50	
Frederick Town	"	1 66¼	
Beck's	"	85	
Sandy Creek	"	2 10	
J. H. Thompson		50	
Contribution		25	$7 61¼

Rev. J. S. Heilig's Churches.

St. Enoch's church		$3 00	
Salem	"	1 10	$4 10

Rev. J. A. Linn's Churches.

St. Paul's Church		$2 50	
St. Matthew's	"	3 50	$6 00

Rev. J. Crim's Churches.

Franklin Church		$1 00	
St. Matthew's	"	47½	
Jerusalem	"	70	
Mineral Spring	"	50	$2 67½

Rev. J. Swicegood's Churches.

Nazareth Church		$1 00	
Hopewell	"	1 00	
Shiloah	"	50	$2 50
			$52 31¼

Brought forward - - - - - - -	$52 31¼
Rev. S. Scherer's Church.	
Union Church - - - - - -	$2 37½—2 87½
Rev. Wm. Artz' Church.	
Zion Church - - - - - - - - - -	$0 50—$0 50
Newton per J. Bost Esq. - - - - -	$8 20—$8 20
St. John's Church, Salisbury - - - - -	$1 50—$1 50
*Total,	$64 88¼
Balance from last year, - - - - - -	21 42
Total, - - - - - -	$86 30¼

Your Financial committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's reports and find them correct; also that they have received, counted and paid into the hands of Treasurer of Synod the above contributions, and taken his bond for the same.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, W. G. HARTER,
D. M. ISENHOUR,
JOSEPH SHIVE.

On motion, it was ordered that the interest on Seminary Fund, amounting to $62 31cts, be paid into the hands of Bro. Dufford, to be by him paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Seminary, at Lexington, S. C.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Scherer. The Secretary preached at night from Phil. 1 chap. and 21 verse.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by the President. The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

Committee No 7. now reported.

The committee to whom was referred the amended constitution of the Class-

*There is an error of $1 51¼ cents intthe report of the Financial Committee which stands corrected above. *Secretary.*

ical and Theological Seminary of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, present the following: That they have examined said amended Constitution and learn that all relations hitherto existing between that Synod and this, on the subject of said Institution, shall remain as they have been, according to the existing agreement between the two Synods. Your committee therefore, recommend said amended Constitution to the approval of this body.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, S. ROTHROCK, Chair. Com.

On motion, the anonymous letter received by the President, was laid on the table.

No. 9. Report of the Committee on the state of Religion.

Your committee on the state of Religion, would submit the following very brief and imperfect report. The state of religion within the bounds of the Synod of North Carolina, particularly in some portions, has been prosperous during the past year. Interesting revivals have taken place in some parts, particularly in Davidson County. In this section of the church there is a very interesting state of things; the Lutheran Observer is circulated, and prayer meetings are well attended. In general, the ministers and members are actively engaged in the Master's service. There is a growing interest in the Tract, Bible, Missionary, Education and Temperance cause; and particularly your Committee rejoice to see that the Synod has undertaken to establish in the most populous part of her territory an Academy, for the intellectual and religious training and education of her youth. And your Committee regard it as an evidence of the growing intelligence and piety of our people; that much has already been done towards effecting this object. May they go on; and we bid the Synod, and we bid the people, God speed in this noble enterprise.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,
J. D. SCHECK,
J. SWICEGOOD.

Bro. Crawford, of the G. R. Church, being about to leave, asked permission to make some remarks, which being granted, he spoke of the relation of the Reform and Lutheran churches in N. C. and the duty of co-operating, as far as practicable, amongst the German population. He then spoke of their school, located at Newton, and congratulated us in the success which we have so far met with in the establishment of a similar Institution. He also adverted to the deplorable state of their church, caused by the leaven of Nevanism by which the majority of the ministry have become infected, and the probabillty of this Classis asking for a "corner in the Lutheran Observer" in which to defend themselves against Nevanism. His remarks were well received by this body.

No. 10. *Report of the Corresponding Secretary.*

Document No. 1. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of western Virginia. This Synod convened at Copp's Church, Bottetourt county, on Thursday, Sept. 2d, 1852. It numbers seven ordained and three licensed ministers. Its officers are, Rev. E. Hawkins. President, and Rev. J. A. Brown, Sec. They report 33 Cong. 180 Bap. and 248 Conf. This Synod seems to be actively engaged in the work of the Lord. Rev. J. Scherer was appointed corresponding Delegate to this Synod and Rev. S. Schaeffer his alternate.

Document No. 2. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of the South West. This Synod held its sixth annual session at Zion Church, Jackson county, Ill., Sept. 25th, 1852. It numbers thirteen ministers. Its officers are, Rev. J. Krack, President, and Rev. W. Jenkins, Secretary. They report 24 Cong., 217 Bap., and 207 Conf. These brethren manifest commenable zeal in the spread of Evangelical piety. With them the harvest truly is great and the laborers few.

Document No. 3. Contains the proceedings of the sixth annual convention of the Wittenberg Synod. This body met at Plymouth Ohio, Sept. 2d, 1852.—They report twenty ordained and nine licensed ministers. The officers are Rev. J. Livengood, President, and Rev. S. Fenner, Secretary. They report 46 Cong., 138 Bap., and 1740 Com. These brethren are actively engaged in promoting the interests of our beloved Zion by sustaining the various benevolent institutions of the church and the age.

Document No. 4. Is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia. This Synod held its thirty-third annual convention at Mt. Tabor Church, Augusta county, Oct. 8th, 1852. It numbers 23 ordained, and 2 licensed ministers. Its officers are, A. P. Ludden, President, and Rev. X. J. Richardson, Sec'ry. They report 41 Cong., 106 Bap., and 1645 Com. These brethren are actively engaged in the benevolent operations of this progressive age.

Document No. 5. Are the Minutes of the Synod of S. C. This body met at St. Marks church, Edgefield District, Nov. 12th, 1852. It numbers 32 ordained and 11 licensed ministers. They report 46 Cong., 502 Bap., 692 Conf., and 3,326 Com. They also report the death of four ministers during the last Synodical year. These brethren are prosecuting with vigor the interests of the Master's Kingdom committed to them.

Document No. 6. Contains the proceedings of the 28th annual convention of the Synod of West Pennsylvania. It convened in Mechanicsburg, Penn., on the 30th of Sept., 1852. It numbers 41 ordained and 7 licensed ministers. Its officers are, Rev. J. N. Hoffman, President, and Rev. B. Sadtler, Sec'ry. They report 131 Cong. 1659 Bap. 1012 Conf. and 14,628 communicants. This Synod has a large field to cultivate, and they seem to be energetically prosecuting the great work unto which they have been called.

The foregoing is all we deemed necessary to extract from the Minutes of sister Synods.

Respectfully submitted, L. C. GROSECLOSE,

Adopted. *Cor. Sec.*

N. B. The Minutes of the Maryland Synod were handed to me after Synod was in session, upon which I had not time to report. *Secretary.*

Mr. Moses Barrier was re-elected Treasurer of the Seminary Fund.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 1½ o'clock, P. M.

SIXTH SESSION.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Secretary. The roll was called, after which Synod proceeded to business.

Resolved, XIV. That, ever hereafter this Synod devote half an hour, each morning before the commencement of business, in prayer, for the especial influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations, and for the exercise of all due fraternal love and fellowship.

Resolved, XV. That, ever hereafter, the President shall privately examine all sealed documents presented to this Synod, and shall state, by giving an intimation of their contents, whether said documents should be read in *open Synod*.

Resolved, XVI. That when this Synod adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet again on Friday before the 1st Sunday in May 1854, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bro. Scheck presented to Synod a plan for the *Semi-Centennial Celebration* of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

On motion the plan was taken up by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

Whereas, The Great Head of the church has been graciously pleased to sustain and prosper the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina during the last *forty-nine* years; and, whereas, a period is now approaching in the history of said Synod, when it will be most becoming in all its members and friends to pause and review the past dealings of God with it, to take counsel together, unite our vigor and zeal, that it may the more effectually accomplish the important mission with which it is entrusted;

[On the 18th of October last, this Synod entered upon its forty-ninth year, having been organized on the 17th of Oct., 1803, in the town of Lincolnton, N. C.—five ministers being present.]

And as a Synod we would not fulfill our own sense of duty, nor do jus-

tion to what, we are assured, is the feeling of a large number of the members of our communion, if we did not devise some means by which, an event so full of interest, may be profitably and devoutly celebrated; therefore,

Resolved, I. That a Semi-Centenary celebration be observed in all the churches in connection with this Synod,—to commence on the 17th of October next ensuing, and terminate on the the last Sabbath in April, 1854.

Resolved, II. That the day on which this celebration is to commence, be set apart as a special season of thanksgiving for the distinguished favors of God to our churches in North Carolina; and that an appropriate sermon be delivered on that day by each minister, in connection with this body, having a charge.

Resolved, III. That all the churches in connection with this Synod be earnestly solicited for donations and subscriptions in aid of our Literary Institution, and our Education and Missionary operations,—as evidence of their gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ, for his unspeakable love and mercy to us, as a branch of his kingdom on earth.

Resolved, IV. That all persons contributing, may specify the object to which their donations shall be applied.

Resolved, V. That the President appoint a member of this body, whose duty it shall be, to prepare and deliver at our next annual convention an historical sermon,—detailing the most important events embraced in our history; and that said sermon be delivered on Sabbath morning.

On motion, the election of a Board of Directors for Western Carolina Academy was now entered into. The following were elected, and the term of office defined as follows:

Rev. S. Rothrock and J. D. Scheck, and Messrs. C. Melchor and M. Barrier, elected for three years.

Revs. J. A. Linn and W. G. Harter, Messrs. J. Shimpoch and C. A. Heilig, elected for two years.

Revs. Scherer and L. C. Groseclose, Messrs. D. Barrier and C. L. Partee, elected for one year.

The question for the transfer of the Centenary fund, to the endowment fund of Western Carolina Academy, was introduced;—in relation to which the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Synod is now in possession of a fund,—entitled

the "Centenary Fund,"—the interest of which has heretofore been applied to the use and benefit of the Education and Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, XVII. That the interest now due on said fund, be added to the principal; that to this principal and interest be added a sufficient sum to swell the whole amount to $600, and that said $600 be, and is hereby transferred to the endowment funds of Western Carolina Academy, located at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C. And, that, in lieu of said amount of $600, this Synod shall be, and is hereby, entitled to three scholarships in said school—the receipt whereof shall be held by the President of this Synod and his successor in office.

On motion, the 8th of June was appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Directors, elect, of Western Carolina Academy,—to meet at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, at 10 o'clock A. M., for organization and the transaction of businesss.

On motion, a committee of correspondence was appointed, whose duty it is to open a correspondence with sundry gentlemen, having reference to the first Professorship of said Academy; and that the President of Synod is, by this body, empowered to call a special meeting of Synod, if necessary.

The following is the committee of correspondence: Revs. S. Rothrock, J. D. Scheck,—and on motion, the President of Synod, Rev. J. A. Linn, was added. An election for Delegates to Sister Synods was now held.

To Synod of South Carolina—Rev. S. Rothrock, principal; Rev. B. Arey, alternate.

To Synod of Western Virgina.—Rev. S. Scherer, principal; Rev. L. C. Groseclose, alternate.

An election was also held for a Director of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. C.

Rev. J. Linn was elected to that office for three years.

Previous notice having been given that the attention of Synod would, at some time during the present convention, be called to Section 3, of Chapter 3, of our Constitution; and also to Section 3, of Chapter 6, of the Formula of Discipline, these subjects were called up, discussed, and the following resolutions in relation to them, passed:

Resolved, XVIII. That we, as a Synod, disapprove and denounce the the practice, in ministers, of encouraging disaffected members of other's

charges, by performing any acts, strictly ministerial, or by speaking prejudicially in relation to their pastors.

Resolved, XIX. That it is the decided opinion of this body, that the electors of any congregation within the bounds of this Synod, are the male members. (See chap. 6, sec. 3, of Formula.)

No. 11. *Report of Committee appointed by the President, for the trial of B. N. Hopkins.*

We the undersigned, having been officially appointed a committee, to meet on the 23d of July, 1852, in the Lutheran church at Concord, to investigate the charge of lewdness reported against B. N. Hopkins, by the council of St. Paul's church, Iredell county, N. C., did then and there meet, and after an impatial and faithful examination of the evidence in the case, and believing the charge sustained by the testimony; therefore,

Resolved, Unanimously by the committee, that B. N. Hopkins be, and he is hereby suspended from all clerical functions, until said suspension be reversed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

Adopted.

W. G. HARTER,
JOS. A. LINN,
S. ROTHROCK, } Committee.

In relation to the above report, it was

Resolved, XX. That the name of B. N. Hopkins be stricken from our clerical roll.

The following were put into nomination as suitable places for our next Synodical convention: Bethel church, Stanly county; Richland, Randolph county; St. Enoch, Rowan county, and Sandy Creek, Davidson county. Bethel having a majority of votes, it was determined that Bethel be the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, XXI. That the President of Synod, express the thanks thereof to the good people of Newton for the kindness and hospitality extended to us since our arrival in their midst; and that we unite in invoking Heaven's richest blessing upon them.

Resolved, XXII. That the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed; that two copies be sent to each of those Synods with whom we are in regular correspondence, and one to each of the other Synods in the United States of America.

Resolved, XXIII. That the Secretary of the Education and Missionary Society prepare extracts of the proceedings of said Society, and that they be appended to the minutes of Synod.

The minutes of to-day were now read and confirmed.

Resolved, XXIV. That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place above named. Closed with prayer by the President.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary of Synod.*

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

APRIL 29th, 1853, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and prayer by the President. The journal and sketch of Rev. J. S. Heilig, were handed in the by President, which, on motion, were received and read before the Ministerim.

Resolved, I. That we have heard, with pleasure and satisfaction, the journal and lengthy sketch of Rev. J. S. Heilig.

After a lengthy interview on Pastoral experience, and a friendly interchange of sentiments thereto appertaining, the Ministerium adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Bro. Swicegood. The minutes were read and confirmed.

Resolved, II. That we adjourn, subject to the call of the President. Closed with prayer by Bro. Arey.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Bro. Dufford.

The roll was called. The minutes of former session were read and confirmed. There being no further business before us, it was

Resolved, III. That we adjourn.

Closed with prayer and benediction by the President.

APPENDIX.--A

President's Report.

BELOVED BRETHREN—In the great providence of God, we have been conducted through the vicisitudes of another Synodical year. Our lives have been spared; our comforts continued; our labors we trust have been blest; the church has been preserved and blest. And it must be a reflection peculiarly gratifying to us, as well as a subject of devout thanksgiving to God, to know that He is in our midst; still causes the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and the church of our care has received, during the past year, continued evidences of Divine favor and protection amidst the trials and difficulties to which she is exposed. Now we are again met in the sanctuary of God; we have sung his praise; have recorded his mercies to us and to our people; we have supplicated his blessings upon us; and meditated upon his word; have congratulated each other with cheerful countenances, with friendly interchanges and affectionate hearts as brethren. O! how great the Lord's loving kindness to us and to our Zion! But we are met once

more in Synodical convention for the purpose of transacting the religious affairs of the church of God in general. At the opening of this meeting, it was made my duty, according to the Constitution of our Synod, to lay before you an account of my official transactions for the year that is past, and such other matters as may be of interest to you and to the church at large.

Very early after the adjournment of our last Synod, I received a note from the Rev. B. N. Hopkins, (dated May 14th) requesting permission to resign St. Enoch's, St. Paul's and Newton congregations, which was granted, in view of his consent at last Synod to take charge of the new pastorate which was then formed of several Lutheran churches in Guilford and Randolph counties, and according to our acknowledged rules in such cases—(See Constitution, chap. 3d, Sec. 8th and 9th.)

Shortly afterwards I received a communication, (dated May 30th) from the council of St. Paul's Church, Iredell county, reporting certain facts which involved charges of immorality and impurity in relation to Rev. B. N. Hopkins, which were calculated to injure his ministerial character and influence. Accordingly, in compliance with Constitutional duty, and for the purpose of vindicating his moral character if wrongfully or falsely aspersed, I appointed a committee of ordained ministers, viz: Revs. W. G. Harter, J. A. Linn and S. Rothrock, to hold a proper investigation on Friday, the 23d of July, in the Lutheran church at Concord. Due notices were given to the parties concerned, and the ministers generally were invited to attend. The committee and ministers generally met; the investigation was conducted by the committee; their proceedings and unanimous decision were reported to Rev. B. N. Hopkins, (who did not attend,) together with a summary of the testimony, which satisfied the Committee of the truth of the alleged charges, and which led them to pass upon him the sentence of suspension from all clerical functions. The committee is expected to report their proceedings and decision in the case to the present meeting of Synod.

On Wednesday the 21st of July, the convention which was resolved upon at our last Synod, met at Concord for the purpose of maturing a plan for the establishment of a Literary Institution in connection with this Synod; an extract of the proceedings and a detail of the plan adopted, will be reported to you by the Secretary of the Board. A temporary Board of Directors was appointed, who met at Organ church, Dec. 2d, to determine the locality of the Institution according to the provisions

of the adopted plan. Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, was chosen to be the seat of the Academy. Scholarships are now offered, and a considerable number have been sold.

This then, is to be considered as the commencement of an Institution of learning in the Lutheran church in North Carolina—which has been so long and so earnestly desired. That the interests and prosperity of the Lutheran, as well as of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and German Reform chruches in this State, requires such an Institution, can admit of no debate. That the community in general, as well as the church, are greatly benefitted by the encouragement of sound education and religion, the history of similar Institutions, long since established by other denominations and other States, bears ample testimony. Let us then urge forward the enterprise now in progress. Funds will be needed, and needed now.

The expenditures at the first will necessarily be large and must continue to increase if only the providential claims for the education of the youth in the Lutheran church be at all responded to. We must move forward and our friends and patrons must enable the Synod to do it. God's blessing is in the work, as it will be on those who share its advancement. For the furtherance of this object, I would second the suggestions of the convention, and recommend to Synod the appointment of special agents to obtain subscriptions and donations, as also for the disposal of scholarships, if necessary; said subscriptions to be payable in three annual installments, from the time of subscribing, and to be added to the endowment fund of said school, and so also the donations, if in available funds, or whenever they become such.

The Brethren in their several charges appear to be zealously engaged in the work of the Lord. They are taking an active part in the various benevolent Institutions of the day, and the Lord has granted them a blessing on their efforts, inasmuch as they have had interesting revivals of religion in some of their churches. May the Great Head of the church continue to bless them.

With regard to the licensure of candidates for the ministry in our Synod, I would recommend the ancient custom of annual license, whether the cause of Christ, the church, or the candidate be considered; and that section 7th in chapter 11th, which was adopted last year be stricken out; and that section 7th, chapter 11th, as found in the printed Constitution of 1846, be re-instated. And also that the phrase,

"And his license shall be regarded as valid," in section 14th, of chapter 3rd, be stricken out.

For the regulation and government of Lutheran congregations in connection with the Synod, the election of Elders, the calling and settling of Pastors, &c., I would suggest to Synod the propriety of recommending and enjoining the adoption of the Formula of church government and discipline which is appended to our Hymn Book, in all those congregations in which this or some similar form has not been adopted.

These are the prinicipal events of importance to this Synod which I have to report. And now beloved brethren, commending ourselves and the interests of the church to the continual care and protection of Almighty God, I resign my office; thankful for the confidence reposed in me, and praying the presence and blessings of the Great Head of the church, to crcwn our present meeting. May the business for which we have met be transacted in mutual love, harmony and peace, that our souls may indeed be refreshed by his presence, that his blessings may rest upon our individual and united deliberations and efforts, to promote the glory of his name and the welfare of Zion.

WILLIAM ARTZ, *President.*

APPENDIX.—B

AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina.

Pursuant to adjournment the Missionary and Education Society met on Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M., at Newton, Catawba county, N. C. The object of the Society having been explained many became members by the payment of fifty cents.

The Society next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. JACOB CRIM, *President.*
" J. D. SCHECK, *Vice President.*
" J. S. HEILIG, *Secretary.*
Mr. D. M. ISENHOUR, *Treasurer.*

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Executive Committee.—Revs. L. C. Groseclose, J. A. Linn, J. D. Scheck, J. Swicegood, W. Artz.

Board of Directors.—Messrs. Jonas Bost, J. Sharp, M. Barrier, A.

Blackwelder, J. Swicegood, G. Sink, J. M. Best, H. Barringer, G. H. Wilfong, A. Gross, Rev. S. Scherer and Mr. John Wilfong.

Contributions for the Society were now handed in as follows:

Rev. L. C. Groseclose' charge.

Pilgrim's church	$7,00	
Fredericktown "	3,95	
Beck's "	85	
Sandy creek "	4,80	
		16,60

Rev. W. G. Harter's charge.

St. James' church	$5,00	
Bethel "	5,51	
Centenary Interest	1,20	
Rev. W. G. Harter	1,00	
		12,71
Rev. J. Crim's charge	$9,55½	
Carver's church, by J. Swicegood	5,00	
Collection at this meeting	29,16	
Donation by Bro. J. Crim	5,00	

On motion it was,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's Report, take in all monies intended for this Society, pay the same to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond.

Committee—Rev. S. Scherer, and M. Barrier, Esq.

Rev. J. Crim now gave a statement of his missionary labors, and presented the contribution lifted in behalf of this Society. When on motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to return the contributions, sent up by Bro. Crim's charge, to him as a compensation for his missionary labors.

By-laws of the Executive Committee were now presented and received, and on motion it was

Resolved, That they be appended to the minutes of the Society.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Missionary and Education Society beg leave

to report that they received, on the bounty of the Society, Mr. Charles W. Keller, who was examined according to the Constitution, and your committee being satisfied of his qualifications, allowed him $75,00 of its funds to be paid in semi-annual installments.

Your committee also made an appropriation of $20,00 to Rev. J. Swicegood, provided he took charge of Carver's church, Forsyth county. Your committee would recommend that Bro. Swicegood receive said amount inasmuch as he has complied with the engagement.

No regular missionary was employed during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SCHECK,
JOHN SWICEGOOD,
JOS. A. LINN,
W. G. HARTER,
WM. ARTZ.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, would submit the following: They have examined said report and found it correct. The amount

in hands being - - - - - - - - -	$106 58
Contributions at this Synod - - - - - -	73 11
Beneficiary notes - - - - - - - -	679 17
Total,	$858 86

For which we have taken the Treasurer's bond.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
M. BARRIER.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Rev. J. Swicegood twenty dollars, in compliance with the recommendation of the Ex. Committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Society be, and he is hereby authorized to refund to Paul A. Seaford, Esq., the sum of thirty-five dollars paid out by him in a law suit with John N. Krimminger.

Rev. S. Scherer was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at our next meeting, and Rev. J. S. Heilig, his alternate.

The Minutes being read and confirmed, it was

Resolved, That we now adjourn to convene again on Monday, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with a benediction.

JOHN S. HEILIG, *Secretary*.

BY-LAWS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTH. SYNOD OF N. C.

ART. I. The chairman appointed by the President of the Society shall preside at all the meetings of the Committee, and open and close each meeting with prayer.

ART. II. The Committee shall elect a Secretary at their first meeting whose duty it shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Committee during the year, and present the same in a report to the annual meeting of the Parent Missionary and Education Society.

ART. III. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary shall take his place, and appoint a Secretary *pro tem.*

ART. IV. No business can be transacted by a less number than three, who shall constitute a quorum.

ART. V. No person can be a member of the Executive Committee who is not a member of the Evan. Lutheran church.

ART. VI. If the President or any other officer, during the interim of this society, shall incur the censure of the Synod, congregation or society to which he belonged, his office shall be supplied asd irected in other cases of removal. (See Art. 23. of its constitution.)

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